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Title: A System and Method for
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	D1	5,627,517	5/6/97	Theimer, et al.			
	D2	4,799,156	1/17/89	Shavit, et al.			
	D3	5,686,888	11/11/98	Welles, II, et al.			
	D4	6,332,098	12/18/01	Ross, et al.			
	D5	6,460,020	10/1/02	Pool, et al.			
	D6	5,038,283	8/6/97	Caveney			
	D7	6,321,992	11/27/01	Knowles, et al.			
	D8	5,712,788	1/27/98	Liaw, et al.			
	D9	5,959,568	9/28/99	Woolley			
	D10	6,356,802	3/12/02	Takehara, et al.			
	D11	6,398,109	6/4/02	Ohki			
	D12	5,565,858	10/15/96	Guthrie			
	D13	5,466,030	11/14/95	Harris, et al.			
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	D18	6,128,549	10/3/00	Swartz, et al.			
	D19	5,117,096	5/26/92	Bauer, et al.			
	D20	5,804,810	9/8/98	Woolley, et al.			
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